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IN DESIGNATED AREA

SILENT AUCTION

FOX HUNT
SATURDAY

Welcome to the
Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

60th ACADIANA HAMFEST 2020

ARRL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

Friday March 13th & Saturday March 14th, 2020

Sponsored by: *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.*

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Co-Sponsored by: *City of Rayne, Louisiana*

Largest Hamfest on Gulf Coast!!

Best food of any Hamfest

Rayne Civic Center - 210 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, Louisiana 70578

RAFFLE TICKETS



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MCM Computers
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and more as hamfest
nears.

If you pre-register, your admission fee is \$5.00 for both days which includes 1 raffle ticket good for the Main Prize and Door Prize drawings. Admission at the door is \$8.00 per person. Free admission to students with current student ID card.

Must be present to win Saturday's Grand Prize. All other prizes can be shipped to your address on QRZ.com. If you are not a ham, you will need to put some shipping information on your ticket stub you drop in the hopper. Grand Prize and Main Prize drawings will be at 2:00 PM Saturday afternoon.

Your pre-registration packet may be picked up at the front desk on Friday at 12:00 noon or later and on Saturday at 7:00 AM. Tickets for Main Prizes and Door Prizes are \$1.00 each.

To pre-register in advance, go to the AARA Hamfest site and download the [Pre-Registration Form](#).

March 5, 2020

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

VE Testing 6:00 PM w5ddl.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

March 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum

433 Jefferson Street

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 New Iberia, LA

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February 2020



VE Test Session

February 6, 2020

Started off the year pretty good. Two new Techs & one upgrade to Amateur Extra.

The candidates were Kisha Richard ~KI5IHY ~ of Maurice & Louis Truxillo ~KI5IHZ ~ of Breaux Bridge both earned their Technician.

Adam Chapman ~KG5TOD~ from Ville Platte Upgraded to Extra.

The VEs for this session were Michael Cavell KI5ARX, John Cunniff W4HVH, Richard Wallace KF5KEL, Archibald Hill W5AG, and Galen Wilson KF5BET

Congratulations to the testees & a great big thank you to the VEs in attendance.....

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



More information of 60th Acadiana Hamfest 2020

Click on these links for more information:

Hamfest Flyer	Pre-registration Form	Swap /Vendor Table Info.	Main Prizes
Ticket Schedule	Events & Forums (TBD)	Vendor / Dealer Info.	Contact Info.
RV Camping Info.	Crawfish Boil	Hamfest Highlights	VE Testing
Ladies Bingo	AARA Host Motel	Letter to Rayne Mayor	

JOY BREAU N5YCS - SILENT KEY

It is with great sadness that the Amateur Radio World and the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) loses another member. On the evening of February 7, 2020, Joy Breaux N5YCS passed away after being on life support for a while. Her wishes were that her body to be donated to science, no obituaries, or funeral announcements to be published.

A little about Joy for those who or who did not know her. Joy was a long time member of the AARA and served as past treasurer for 12 years. Joy and Rick shared in being "backyard bird watchers" among other hobbies such as traveling, attending hamfests, especially the AARA hamfest where you could usually find her at the front door at the registration desk. Joy and Rick also participated in many special event activities. Joy & Rick were long time members of the QCWA Chapter 109 in Baton Rouge.

I am sure all that knew Joy will miss the beautiful smile and kind words she had for everyone.

Our prayers go out for the Breaux family.



Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF (L.) and
Joy Breaux N5YCS (R.)



Joy Breaux N5YC



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Our Hamfest is dedicated to the recent members of our club who became Silent Keys - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and Joy Breaux N5YCS.

Hours: Friday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Saturday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Admission (one price covers both days): Pre-Registration \$5.00 - At the Door \$8.00 - Free admission to students with current ID card.

Ladies Bingo \$20.00

Talk-in: W5DDL 146.820 (PL 103.5)

VE Testing: 9:00 AM Saturday

MAIN PRIZES

SATURDAY GRAND PRIZE

Ameritron AL-811 Amplifier with MFJ-994B Automatic Tuner

Must be present to win this prize due to shipping costs.

OTHER MAIN PRIZES

MFJ-259 Antenna Analyzer

MFJ-4230MV Power Supply

MFJ -1126 Power Strip

You do not have to be present to win other main prizes but you have to be present to win door prizes.

See [ticket schedule](#).

Check website often for updates. <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/index.htm>

Randy Rushing KG5KFI - Silent Key

Thanks to Greg Dolan II - K5LFT, it was just noted that Randy Rushing KG5KFI, age 53 of Breaux Bridge, became a Silent Key on January 7, 2020.

Randy was a proud United States Veteran. He served honorably in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the American Legion Post #69, Blind Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Acadiana Honor Guard. He was also a Amateur Radio Operator (KG5KFI) and a member of the Acadiana Amateur Association, Inc. in 2016.

Obituary: <https://www.waltersfh.com/obituary/Randy-Rushing>



YOTA Camp 2020 in the Americas Donations Are Being Matched

Youth on the Air (YOTA) 2020 Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, has announced that, thanks to a generous radio amateur, a matching fund drive is in progress through the end of February to help fund the 2020 YOTA Camp, June 21 - 26 at the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester, Ohio.

"From now until the end of February, every dollar donated to the Youth on the Air Camp will be matched by Steve McGrane, KM9G, up to a total of \$4,000," Rapp said. "Your donations in support of this unique opportunity for youth to share ham radio with their peers will count double until the end of February."

Donations may be made via PayPal, GoFundMe, or a check. Rapp said donations could make it possible to increase the number of campers from 20 to 30 to better meet demand.

"Our corporate and foundation sponsors have raised most of the funds, but we need clubs and individuals to finish the job," he explained.

Rapp is an alumnus of the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology TI-1 and TI-2 courses.



Local 2-Meter Nets

MONDAY

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

WEDNESDAY

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**TUESDAY**

Region 4 Skywarn Net 7:00 PM
145.370 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL Repeater only.

The AARA Monday Night Net and the Silent Key Memorial Net is being held on the 146.820.

The March 2020 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website. [Net Schedules](#)

REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 Skywarn Net will take place on the 145.370 Skywarn Repeater in Lafayette, LA. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The March 2020 schedule can be found at this link: [Net Schedules](#)

When using the Skywarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 – SW Quadrant 141.3 – SE Quadrant 94.8 – Central 103.5

See our website for additional information: <http://www.w5ddl.org/repeaters.htm>



03-12	KM6WDY	Mary
03-13	K5NCA	Bill
03-16	KK6EWB	Ingo
03-18	KI5FEC	Laura
03-22	KA5RKH	David
03-31	N0JA	Allen
04-06	KE5JXC	Arnold
04-08	KF5BET	Galen
04-13	N4ELM	Dave

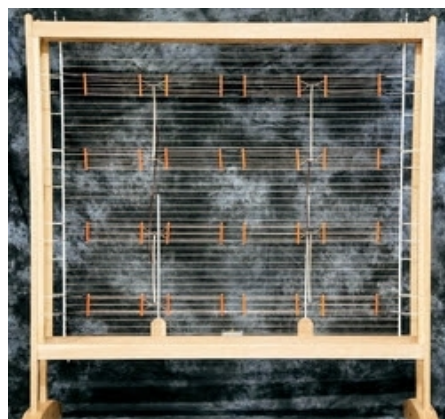
Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing names to be missing from the list.

Don't forget to renew your membership by January 31st.

US Marines with Information Group II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MIG) participated in an amateur radio general licensing course. The course was conducted on base January 27 - 31 as part of the group's High Frequency Auxiliary Initiative. Members of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club of Greenville, North Carolina, helped the Marines in the class learn the principles of HF radio operations as a contingency against a peer-to-peer adversary in real-world operations. During the course, Marines learned ham radio theory, band allocations, conventional and field-expedient antenna theory, and general ham radio operation and control. II MIG Commanding Officer Colonel Jordan Walzer created the High Frequency Auxiliary Initiative after recognizing the need for additional options in combat environments. "Right now, our adversaries are aggressively pursuing counter-space weapons to target our satellites and ground stations," Walzer is quoted in the article. "If our satellites get knocked out, what do we do then? [High frequency] radio has been around for well over a century and is still used today. Why? Because it's a reliable, low-cost alternative to satellite communications. With the right training and education, a Marine with a radio and some slash wire can communicate over-the-horizon for long distances, even between continents."



A working scale model of an HF curtain array antenna is on display at the National Voice of America (VOA) Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester, Ohio. The model, which operates on 70 centimeters, is a 4×2 design with a screen reflector, and is the same style of antenna the VOA Bethany Relay Station used until its final transmission in November 1994. West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA) members Richard Kreuter, WC8RK, and Joe Burke, WA8OGS, designed and constructed this curtain array. EZNEC Pro 4 models indicates the antenna has a gain of 21.35 dBi at 8° at a half-wavelength above ground. The club thanked Roy Lewallen, W7EL, for modeling the array. The museum and WC8VOA will be open for extended hours during Dayton Hamvention® for those interested in seeing the model.



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*Share the Fun ~
Bring a Friend
to be a HAM.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

AARA Hamfest	March 13-14, 2020	Rayne, LA
Field Day	June 27-28, 2020	TBD

For any additional information, check the W5DDL.org website

SPANISH RICE

2 Tbs Olive Oil	1 Onion, finely chopped
1 Garlic, minced	2 Cups long-grain Rice
3-1/4 Cup Chicken Broth	1 Cup diced Tomato, drained
1/2 tsp Oregano	1 tsp Salt

Heat olive oil in large skillet on medium/high heat. Add the rice and stir it so that the rice coats with the oil. Cook, stirring often, until much of the rice has browned.

Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently another 3 minutes, until the onions begin to soften. Add the garlic and cook until the onions are translucent and softened, about a minute more.

Combine broth, tomato, oregano, salt, and browned rice with onions and garlic. Bring to a boil

Cover; reduce heat to a low simmer. Cook for 20-30 minutes, depending on the type of rice and the instructions on the rice package. Remove from heat for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork to serve.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>

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